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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental Proceedings against Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 200 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 – Article of Charge – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION(VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.361 **Dated:08.05.2024**

Read:-

Vigilance Report No.43(C.No.605/V&E/D3/2012), dated:25.06.2021 of the Director General(V&E) & E.O.Principal Secretary to Government (FAC), General Administration(V&E) Department.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 200 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charge (Annexure – I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure –III & IV).

3. Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 10 days on receipt of this order.

4. Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rayachoty, Y.S.R. Kadapa District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

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6. The attention of Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri B. Santha Kumar, the then Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District & presently working as Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

BABU A,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Santha Kumar,
The then Supervisor, AMC, Adoni, Kurnool District &
presently working as Assistant Secretary, AMC, Adoni, Kurnool District.
(Through : The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:-
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

K. Sampath Kumar
SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. SANTHA KUMAR, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT & PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

"That Sri B. Santha Kumar, while working as Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District has exhibited negligence in discharging his official duties, as his act, Commission Agents have printed their own Takpatti by violating the A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Act, 1966 and Rules, 1969. He has failed to supervise on takpatties given by the Commission Agents at AMC, Adoni to the farmers after sale of farmer's produce. He has also has failed to enforce the provisions of the A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Act, 1966 and Rules, 1969.

The Commission Agents M/s R.B. Siva Narayana and M/s K. Govinda Reddy in AMC, Adoni, Kurnool district were not giving official takpatti to the farmers for sale of their produce. The Commission Agents are collected additional amount from the farmers. He has failed to collect AMF @1% as per rules prescribed in A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969. Thus caused loss of revenue to the AMC, Adoni.

Thus it shows his gross negligence towards his official duties, lack of devotion to duty and thus violated the Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 and violated the Rule 31 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

BABU A,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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K. Sampath Kumar
SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. SANTHA KUMAR, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT & PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

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Imputation of Charge:-

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department in its Vigilance Report No. 43 (C.No.605/V&E/D3/2012), dated:25.06.2021 have informed that, the officials of Vigilance & Enforcement Department

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conducted enquiry on issuing of Takpatti by the Commission Agents in the Market Yards in Chittoor, Kadapa, West Godavari and Kurnool Districts and found certain irregularities. The V&E Officials have found that Sri B. Santha Kumar, Supervisor, Agricultural Market Committee, Adoni, Kurnool District has exhibited negligence in discharging his official duties, as his act, Commission Agents have printed their own Takpatti by violating the A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Act, 1966 and Rules, 1969. He has failed to supervise on takpatties given by the Commission Agents at AMC, Adoni to the farmers after sale of farmer's produce. He has also has failed to enforce the provisions of the A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Act, 1966 and Rules, 1969.

The Commission Agents M/s R.B. Siva Narayana and M/s K. Govinda Reddy in AMC, Adoni, Kurnool district were not giving official takpatti to the farmers for sale of their produce. The Commission Agents are collected additional amount from the farmers. He has failed to collect AMF @1% as per rules prescribed in A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969. Thus caused loss of revenue to the AMC, Adoni.

By the above act, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened rule 3 of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964 and Rule 31 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 and rendered himself liable for disciplinary action. Hence, the Charge.

ANNEXURE–III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. SANTHA KUMAR, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT & PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

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Govt. Memo No. MKTG/176/VIG.II/2021(1532215), dated:11.11.2021 of Agriculture & Cooperation (Vig.II) Department along with Vigilance Report No. 43(C.No.605/V&E/D3/2012), dated:25.06.2021 of General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.

ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM BY THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. SANTHA KUMAR, THE THEN SUPERVISOR, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT & PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ADONI, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

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The Inspection Officers, V&E Department.

BABU A,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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K. Santh Kumar
SECTION OFFICER